

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1           1. (Original) A portable telephone unit comprising a  
2           waterproof rib formed of a soft material provided on the  
3           periphery of a joint surface of upper and lower cases  
4           formed of hard material, that is, on a cavity side of a  
5           mold, integrally with said hard material, wherein said  
6           waterproof rib is fitted into a waterproof groove opposed  
7           thereto, thereby to join the upper and lower cases  
8           water-tightly to each other.

1           2. (Original) The portable telephone unit according to  
2           Claim 1, wherein the waterproof groove opposed to said  
3           waterproof rib is formed of the soft material.

1           3. (Original) The portable telephone unit according to  
2           Claim 1, wherein a leading end shape of said waterproof rib  
3           is formed of a fan-shaped section.

1           4. (Amended) A portable telephone unit comprising soft  
2           material that protrudes more than hard material formed on  
3           surfaces of upper and lower cases formed of the hard  
4           material, wherein a portion of a surface of the soft

5     material is corrugated to facilitate shock absorption.

5. (Cancelled)

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1             6. (Amended) The A portable telephone unit according  
2     to claim 4, wherein the ~~comprising~~ soft material ~~which~~  
3     covers a grip portion of the upper and lower cases.

1             7. (New) A portable telephone unit comprising:  
2             an upper case;  
3             a lower case coupled to the upper case;  
4             a waterproof rib formed of soft material located on a  
5     periphery of one of the upper and lower cases; and  
6             a waterproof groove formed of the soft material  
7     located on a periphery of the other of the upper and lower  
8     cases,  
9             wherein the waterproof rib and the waterproof groove  
10     are coupled together to facilitate a waterproof coupling  
11     between the upper case and the lower case.

1             8. (New) The portable telephone unit of claim 7,  
2     wherein a leading end shape of the waterproof rib is formed  
3     of a fan-shaped section.

1           9.   (New) The portable telephone unit of claim 7,  
2       wherein the upper and lower cases are formed of a hard  
3       resin material.

A. 1           10.   (New) The portable telephone unit of claim 7,  
2       further comprising the soft material formed on surfaces of  
3       the upper and lower cases to facilitate shock-absorption.

1           11.   (New) The portable telephone unit of claim 10,  
2       wherein the soft material formed on the surfaces of the  
3       upper and lower cases comprises a plurality of convexities.

1           12.   (New) The portable telephone unit of claim 10,  
2       wherein the soft material formed on the surfaces of the  
3       upper and lower cases is formed on a gripping portion of  
4       the portable telephone.

1           13.   (New) The portable telephone unit of claim 7,  
2       wherein at least one of the waterproof rib and the  
3       waterproof groove is formed integrally with at least one of  
4       the upper case and the lower case.

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